The Pint of Ale.

A Manchester (England) calico prin-was on his wedding day asked by wife to allow her two half pints of a day as her share of extra comforts. made the bargain, but not cheery, for though a drinker himself ucying, no doubt, that he could not ill do without it), he would have preed a perfectly sober wife. They h worked hard. John loved his but he could not break away from old associates at the alchouse, and n not at the factory or at his meals as with his boon companions. His made the small allowance meet housekeeping expenses - keeping cottage neat and tidy, and he could omplain that she insisted upon her pint of ale, while he very likely two or three quarts. They had married a year, and the morning their wedding anniversary John d with real pride upon the neat pmely person of his wife, and with of remorse in his look and tone,

ry, we've had no holiday since we ved, and only that I haven't a in the world we'd take a jaunt the mother." ould thee like to go, John?" she

ere was a tear with her smile, for ched her heart to hear him speak rly as in the old times.

thee'd like to go, John, I'll stand

ion stand treat, Mary! Hast got n' left thee?" , but I've got the pint of ale,'

what, wife?"

pint of ale," she repeated. upon she went to the hearth, m beneath one of the stone flags orth a stocking, from which she upon the table the sum of 365 nces (\$22.81), exclaiming: John, thee can have the holi-

hat is this?" he asked in amaze-

is my daily pint of ale, John." was conscience-stricken as well as d and charmed.

y, hasn't thee had thy share? I'll have no more from this day." he was as good as his word. ad their holiday with the old r, and Mary's little capital, saved he "pint of ale," was the seed which, as the years rolled on, shop, factory, country-seat and with health, happiness, nd honor. - Exchange.

Tobacco Habits of Senators.

or Coke of Texas has conceded what he never would to style. kes cigarettes. Lest somebody ay he was cultivating fashionits he enjoys cigarettes only in racy of his room. or Eustis smokes cigarettes ex-

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al. He prefers them to im-

porte gars.
Sena McPherson chews eigars in preference to tobacco. He takes a cigar from his pocket, bites off a comfortable chew, and replaces the remainder for future chewing. He does not chew any other kind of tobacco.

Senator Gorman chews in a delicate and sparing manner. He prefers the natural tobacco without flavoring or stening, and pinches off for a chew ece not larger than a vest

> Edmunds chews strong tois rarely ever without a supouth; as a matter of fact chew it, but simply keeps resting in his mouth.

> Daniel keeps an unlighted s mouth almost continually. lights it, but chews vigore end, and when he is busy nall stream of amber-colored s down from each side of his n his seat on the floor he t his unlighted cigar.

r Vance chews as he does ing, with earnest vigor. He e plain North Carolina leaf best, n chew anything called tobacco. mtor Hampton takes his tobacco he shape of snuff, or rather he lets dry thoroughly, pulverizes it with singers, and then snuffs it.

When Senator Cockrell gets his feet a pair of carpet slippers and puts his working coat he takes down one ense satisfaction he feels. The Sen- my friend for life." stor would not exchange his cob pipe nd Chariton County leaf for the finest ng in a Washington tobacconist's

Men's Dress Reform.

Dress reform for men would be a od cry to take up, for there is doubt the tables could be turned on the r, the question of summer clothhe actual weighing of clothing | fact almost impossible. woman's weighed three pounds one ounces. The editor of a certain newspaper cries out in distress; ailor who is ingenious enough to int a scheme for summer clothing men which will leave out the ched shirt, and will be neat and bing, will merit the praise of many rers, and ought to make a fortune." ther on account of the lightness coolness of their clothing. The greatest anathema is directed

ort there is plenty of evithat the woolen garment is red to the cotton. A correswrites: "For over twenty ave worn the ordinary loose pirts for comfort and health; tey, collars and cut's for weakoncession to appearances, and undershirt. Same in winter ner. Results, never a serious ness, and ability to do a tenage walk daly the year should wear duck pants.

the cotton shirt, and now that

comewhat the style to wear a

on shirt in summer for undress

round." The protest against cotto clothing for men has taken a scientific form in the hands Dr. Jaeger, and a considerable revolution has set in towards woolen clothing in place of it. Good Housekeeping.

Came Pretty Near It.

"Ah," said one old business man to another, "it is a pleasure to look back to the days of our youth, and to think of how much the simplest pleasures delighted us."

"Yes, that's so." "Why, I can remember to this day the keen interest I took in my first volume of fairy stories. I used to be very fond of them. Perhaps you never read

fairy stories yourself?"
"No, but I have read mining prospectuses a good deal in later years."

That sets the naked branches a-quivering is not felt by the wealthy valetudinarian indoors, but not all the covering that can be piled on his warm bed, nor all the furnace heat that anthracite can furnish, will warm his marrow when chills and fever runs its icy fingers along his spinal column. Hostetter's Stemach Bitters is the thing to infuse new warmth into his chilled and agnish frame, to remedy the flerce fever and exhausting aweats which alternate with the chill. Dumb ague, ague cake, bilious remittent-in short, every known form of malarial disease is subjugated by this potent, and, at the same time, wholesome and genial medicine. Biliousness, constipation, dyspepsia, sick beadaches, loss of appetite and a cep, kidney trouble, rheumatism, and debility are also remedied by it. Use it with persistence to affect a thorough cure.

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Editor-Why, my dear sir, why did you not say so at first? (To office boy) James, give this gentleman a couple of chairs and the floor to spit on .- Epoch.

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A Severe Strain.

He-"And so your mother does not object to our engagement?" She-"Mother has not formally given her consent, but I think she will. She is merely waiting until assured that you are a man of high character, and,

He-"Yes, my record is without a stain, but we must hurry matters along Virginia of a select quality of ried before the local campaign opens, how late it is? I've been nominated for an office. Philadelphia Record.

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A Common Remark.

Sue-Tommy, what did pa say to Mr. Courtmee when he was going out last night?

Tommy-I don't know what pa said. Sue-Do you know what Mr. Courtmee said?

Tommy-Yes; he said, "Don't care if I do."

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MRS. HENPECK (looking up from paper) -I see the question of easy marriage and divorce is attracting great athe weight of a man's clothing tention. Mr. Henpeck (abs-ntiy)mer is greater than that of Quite right, quite right. Marriage n. This was decided some time | should be made extremely difficult, in

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THE English till 1752 began the year a' the vernal equinox. THE man who hunts in the swamps

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